

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: JAMES HIGGINS



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SAC, Philadelphia (100-45637)

JAMES HIGGINS INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

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CB209376 Re your memorandum 4/26/61 regarding subject which was forwarded as an enclosure to your airtel 4/26/61, captioned "Fair Play For Cuba Committee, (Philadelphia Chapter), Registration Act — Cuba."

The above-mentioned airtel indicates that a case has been opened on the subject. It appears from data set forth in geferenced memorandum that the subject is somewhat of a controversial figure. In view of this and in view of his position with the York Permsylvania "Gazette and Daily," your investigation should be conducted in a most discreet manner.

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NOTE: Higgins is Assistant Editor of the above-mentioned newspaper. We are intensifying our coverage on the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC) and, in connection therewith, Philadelphia has initiated investigation of Higgins who is Chairman of the FPCC in the Philadelphia area.

Higgins was speaker at 2/10/61 mass vally held hy supposeers of the FFCC and at this rally he delivered a scathing, satirical attack on the feet and the research press and its lying campaign against Cuba. Higgins and two other officials of the "Gazette and Daily" were indicted in 1958 on libel charge. (Disposition of this case not known at present, and They Hanover, Sun" in its 5/6/57 issue indicated that in the opinion of the Soviet press the York. "Gazette and Daily" is separed for possible use by Mr. DeLoach setting forth derogatory public source data available on Higgins.)

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Airtel to SAC, Philadelphia Re: JAMES HIGGINS

#### NOTE continued:

The FPCC has taken the lead in the pro-Castro propaganda field in this country. Higgins' newspaper would provide ready outlet for distribution of Castro propaganda in this country. It is not felt his position in the newspaper world should deter us from an investigation of him; however, at the same time, it is felt we should caution Philadelphia that it should be discreet in its investigation of the subject.

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7/10/61 Date: PLAIN TEXT Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_ (Type in plain text or code) AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing) Director, FBI (105-99102) TO: SAC, Philadelphia (100-45637) FROM: JAMES HIGGINS: SUBJECT: IS - CUBA; REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual. b2 whose b7D This information was obtained from identity is known to the Bureau. Due to the fact that this informant will presently b7D establish an additional contact to determine, if possible, when subject leaves York, Pa., for Cuba. 3 - Bureau (105-99102) (Encl. 9) (RM) 1 - Philadelphia (100-45637) EAM: dmd (4) Copy to: State/RAB ONI/OSI/G2 by routing slip for info. Al 66 JUL 141961

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania July 10, 1961

#### JAMES HIGGINS

On June 8, 1961, information was received that JAMES HIGGINS made a statement to the effect that he expects to go to Cuba for a few weeks soon. He has expressed the opinion that he will face no passport problems since he will go under the guise of a reporter.

On the same date that the information was received, HIGGINS stated he is expecting six copies of a book by CHE GUEVERA, a Cuban Government official, on guerilla tactics and will furnish one of these to an individual at York, Pa., who is a labor union organizer. HIGGINS commented that the book would be of considerable help to this individual if he becomes involved in strikes.

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Director, FBI (97-4196-37)

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SAC, Philadelphia (97-239)

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

(PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER); REGISTRATION ACT - CUBA

Re Bureau airtel, 4/21/61, to New York, requesting letterhead memorandum on officers and leaders of Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC); and Bureau teletype dated 4/23/61 to New York, et al.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memorandum on JAMES RIGGINS, Chairman, FPCC.

Enclosed memorandum is classified confidential since it contains information from a confidential source of continuing value, the disclosure of whom might adversely affect the internal security.

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The letterhead memorandum reflects that JAMES HIGGINS, et al, were indicted on a charge of libel during 1958. Philadelphia files do not reflect the final disposition of this case. A lead has been set out for the York, Pa., Resident Agency to determine the disposition thereof.

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#### PHILADELPHIA:

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Will ascertain disposition of indictment against the York, Pa. "Gazette and Daily" and JAMES HIGGINS, et al.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Philadelphia, Cennsylvania

April 26, 1961

#### JAMES HIGGINS

"The Militant," issue of February 6, 1961, page one, column one, reflected that a public rally to demand reversal of United States policy toward Cuba would be held Thursday, February 9, 1961, by the Fair Play for Cuba Committee (FPCC). The rally was scheduled to be held at 8:30 p.m. at the New York Trade Show Building, 8th Avenue and 35th Street, New York City. Among the speakers listed for this affair was JAMES HIGGINS, described as Editor of the York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily.

Characterizations of "The Militant," the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, and the "Gazette and Daily" of York, Pa., are included in the Appendix hereto.

"The Militant," issue of February 10, 1961, page one, columns four and five, stated that supporters of the FPCC held a mass rally the previous night "in answer to the smear attack on the group by racist Senator EASTLAND's Internal Security Subcommittee." Among the speakers was JAMES HIGGINS, described as Assistant Editor of the York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily."

The article stated that HIGGINS delivered a scathing, satirical attack on the free American press and its lying campaign against Cuba. campaign against Cuba. Declassify on:

The York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily," issue of December 19, 1960, page 16, column four, contained a column headed "Food For Thought," written by JAMES HIGGINS. This article states, in part, that, "The other evening in New York, Doctor WILLARD UPHAUS, a Christian preacher, and LINUS PAULING, a scientist who won a Nobel prize in chemistry, spoke from the same platform to about 1,000 Americans who had gathered to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the Bill of Rights." Both men had been invited to appear as speakers by

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the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, which was holding its annual meeting.

A characterization of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee appears in the Appendix hereto.

In the article, HIGGINS states that Doctor UPHAUS had been released a few days before from the New Hampshire Jail where he had served almost one year as a result of his defense of the Bill of Rights. Doctor PAULING, according to HIGGINS, had endured harrassment and interrogation by the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. HIGGINS stated that Doctor UPHAUS had insisted on the strict letter of personal freedom to speak, associate and petition in accordance with the Bill of Rights.

HIGGINS further stated in the article that UPHAUS and PAULING "exercised their freedom in a direction that was displeasing to some authorities, in the direction of a world without war, wherein all human beings might live reasonably and lovingly."

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on December 3, 1955, advised that a banquet was held at Yugoslav Hall, New York City, on that date to honor four officials of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. WILLARD UPHAUS was a speaker, and in the course of his remarks, he said, "My heart, my mind and my soul are in the work of this Committee."

The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

LOUIS E. BUDENZ, former functionary of the Communist Party. USA on June 29, 1959, advised SA that Doctor PAULING is a b7C "concealed Communist" who would deny that he is a

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a member of the Communist Party. BUDENZ said he had never met PAULING personally, but in official Communist Party reports prior to 1943 or 1944, PAULING was referred to as a Communist by such persons as V. J. JEROME, Chairman of the National Cultural Commission, Communist Party, USA; and EUGENE DENNIS, who in 1947 was General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA.

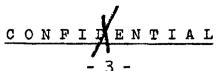
The Communist Party, USA, its affiliates, subdivisions, and subsidiaries, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily," issue of August 1, 1960, page 16, column four, under the caption "Food For Thought," contained an article by JAMES HIGGINS concerning the Cuban situation. In the course of this article, HIGGINS stated that the American press reports of happenings in Cuba "convey almost the exact opposite of the real truth."

During the course of the article HIGGINS mentions the book "Cuba, Anatomy of a Revolution," which he states presents a true picture of the situation in Cuba.

HIGGINS concludes that the fundamental difference between the Cuban Revolution and other Latin American revolutions is that the old army has been completely dissolved, and the Revolution rests on the support of CASTRO's peasant army, "an organization whose formation reminded me of what I've read and dreamed about the American Revolutionary Army. CASTRO, of course, is the GEORGE WASHINGTON of Cuba, and the Cuban Revolution is as honest, honorable and natural as ours was."

The York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily," issue of April 15, 1958, page one, column three, contained an article headed "Gazette, Editors, Indicted On Libel." This article reflects that the "Gazette and Daily" and three of its executives were indicted on a criminal libel charge by the April Grand Jury on the previous day. The indictment was



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based on an Information filed by Sheriff LYMAN A. STAMBAUGH, charging that an article published in the "Gazette and Daily" on March 28, 1958, contained "defamatory statements...tending to blacken the reputation" of STAMBAUGH and exposing him to public hatred, contempt or ridicule. JAMES HIGGINS, Assistant Editor of the "Gazette and Daily," and two other officials of this newspaper were named in the indictment.

The April 19, 1958, issue of the York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily," page one, column three, under the heading "Newspaper Libel Case Continued," reflects that the trial of the case in which this newspaper and three of its executives were charged with criminal libel was continued by Judge WALTER I. ANDERSON from the April Court to the August term.

The files of the Philadelphia Office do not reflect the final disposition of this case.

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### APPENDIX CHARACTERIZATIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS

#### FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE

The April 6, 1960, edition of the "New York Times," a daily New York newspaper, carried a full-page advertisement captioned "What's Really Happening in Cuba." The ad claims that the United States press had made certain charges against Cuba which are not true, and the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) was organized to tell the truth about Cuba in interests of fair play.

This advertisement closed with the following note:

"This public appeal for Fair Play for Cuba has the support of a group of thinking individuals holding a variety of political persuasions, representing no one but themselves, strengthened here by a single common concern for the overriding principle of justice, which is always an issue, whenever partisan interests clash with truth."



#### EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of 1/2/57, by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, documents the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee as follows:

"To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the \*\*\* Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire, these fronts offer a bulwark of protection."

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, 4/23/56, p. 91)



#### "GAZETTE AND DAILY" OF YORK, PA.

"The Hanover Sun," weekly newspaper of Hanover, Pa., in its issue of 5/6/57, page one, column three, contained an article captioned, "York Newspaper Praised in Russia." This article stated that the York "Gazette and Daily," in the opinion of the Soviet press, is "among the better American daily newspapers."

The article appearing in "The Hanover Sun" was obtained from another article which had appeared in the "Baltimore Sun," a daily newspaper published in Baltimore, Md. The article appearing in the "Baltimore Sun" is under the by-line of HOWARD NORTON of the Moscow Bureau of that paper.

The article states that the York "Gazette and Daily" is "among the better American daily newspapers." It was listed on an honor roll which included the "Daily Worker" and the Communist-owned London "Daily Worker."

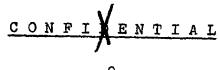
The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication which ceased publication on 1/13/58.



#### "THE MILITANT"

"The Militant" is a weekly publication of the Socialist Workers Party.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States, pursuant to Executive Order 10450.



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#### References

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#### Leads

For the information of all offices, by airtel dated 5/10/61, the Bureau advised that since the subject is somewhat of a controversial figure, and in view of the subject's position with the York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily," investigation in this case should be conducted in a most discreet manner.

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inquiries regarding the attendance thereat of JAMES HIGHINS in 1956. It is noted that his residence at that time was believed to be 1580 Euclid, Berkeley, Calif.

### WASHINGTON FIELD AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will, at the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, determine if subject is registered as an agent of a foreign principal within the purview of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. If subject is not registered, will place a stop with that section in the event he registers at a later date.

### PHILADELPHIA AT PHILADELPHIA AND YORK, PA.

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#### Administrative Data

This report is classified confidential since data reported from informants herein could beasonably result in identification of confidential informants of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

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JAMES HIGGINS is assistant editor of the "Gazette and " a morning newspaper, York, Pa. state that he was chairman of the Philadelphia

Chapter of the FPCC, and has appeared and spoken on behalf of this group in Philadelphia and New York City. Information has been obtained that HIGGIRS has resigned as chairman. In news articles noted and speeches reported HIGGINS has indicated he is in favor of the present Castro regime in Cuba. been reported that HIGGINS appeared at a meeting of the ECIC in New York City, which advocated abolition of the HCUA. In 1961 HIGGINS reportedly was present at a meeting of the Liberation Committee for Africa. HIGGINS has written and spoken on behalf of Dr. LINUS FAULING, who is 1959 was considered by LOUIS BUDENZ to be a member of the Communist Party.

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BACKGROUND

#### Residence and Employment

A characterization of the "Gazette and Daily," York, Page appears in the appendix of this report.

The masthead of the "Gazette and Daily," a morning mewspaper, as of July 17, 1961, carries the name JAMES HIGGINS as the assistant editor.

Records of the York, Pa., Credit Bureau, Inc., in a report dated April 11, 1960, reflect that HIGGIES has been the

assistant editor of this newspaper since Jenuary 1949. Under

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date of December 1956 he was reported to have been on leave of absence and attending school in Berkeley, Calif. The report stated that HIGGINS is believed to have returned to York, Pa., in the latter part of August 1957. Addresses listed in this report are as follows:

376 East Market Street York, Pa.

3116 East Market Street York, Pa.

1587 Euclid Berkeley, Calif.

His address as of the present date is noted as 1510 Second Avenue, Elmwood, York, Pa.

Various accounts set forth in the above credit report bear notations that HIGGINS is slow in payment of obligations and an unsatisfactory debtor.

This file also contains a news clipping dated April 1, 1958, which states that a criminal libel information had been filed by the York County Sheriff against the York "Gazette and Daily" before Alderman PAUL C. BARNHART on March 31, 1958. The list of defendants were as follows:

C. M. GITT, President; JAMES HIGGINS, Assistant Editor; EDWARD K. SCHAEVERLE, Managing Editor

Each posted \$500 bond. The information charged that the newspaper had published defamatory statements about LIMAN A. STANBAUGH on March 28, 1958, and was filed under the provisions of Section 4412 of the Criminal Code. According to the article, the statements concern the conduct of a debtor sale by deputy sheriffs of York County, Fa.

Another news article, marked September 1958, set that the matter was dropped upon petition of the proseafter the "Gazette and Daily" published a first page apology on August 25, 1958.



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Records of the Court of Quarter Sessions, York County, Pa., reflect in Book 5-F, page 228, January Session 1958, that a true bill was returned by the Grand Jury in the above matter on April 14, 1958, and that a nol. pros. was entered on September 5, 1958. Payment of costs in the amount of \$77.20 was assessed against the defendant.

## EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE (ECLC)

A characterization of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee appears in the appendix of this report.

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In the February 19, 1961, edition of "The Worker," page 12, column 5, there was a notice that a meeting to promote the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) would be held on February 24, 1961, in Judson Hall, 57th Street, New York City, by the ECIC.

On March 1, 1961, Confidential Informant advised that JAMES HIGGINS was introduced at the above meeting as the assistant editor of the York "Gazette and Daily," York, Pa.

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FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA COMMITTEE (FPCC)

A characterization of the Fair Play For Cuba Committee (FPCC) appears in the appendix of this report.

On February 10, 1961, advised that on b2 February 9, 1961, there was a meeting open to the public held b7D at 500 Eighth Avenue, New York City, under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the FPCC. Admission was \$1.00 per person and about 550 people were in attendance.

The chairman of this meeting introduced JAMES HIGGINS, Assistant Editor of the York "Gazette and Daily," York, Pa., advising that it was published six times weekly and had a circulation of 40,000. HIGGINS was introduced as a Harvard graduate of the class one year prior to the class of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. HIGGINS remarked that he was the only Harvard man present who hadn't been offered a post in Washington, D. C., by the present administration. According to the informant, his remarks throughout his speech were quite humorous and definitely pro-Castro, and he attacked the "New York Times" and most newspapers and periodicals as purveyors of the "Big Lie," and scandal sheets that only told the American public what big business dictated. HIGGINS said he was an avid reader of "The Worker" and the "National Guardian," and these two papers, plus his own, painted the true picture. He boasted that he had been threatened to be run out of town in York, Pa., by people who did not agree with his ideas, but said that he is still doing business in York to this day.

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HIGGINS pressed the point that he had predicted the victory of CASTRO in Cuba long before it happened and said that CASTRO would nationalize business in Cuba when he took over, and the fact that this was accomplished did not surprise him in the least.

"The Worker" is an East Coast Communist weekly newspaper.

A characterization of the "National Guardian" appears in the appendix of this report.

In the above connection, the informant advised that the "National Guardian" on February 6, 1961, publicized a mass rally of the FPCC to be held February 9, 1961, at the Trade Show Building, 500 Eighth Avenue, New York City, under the auspices of the New York Chapter of the FPCC, 799 Broadway, New York City. Among the speakers listed was JAMES HIGGINS, Editor, York "Gazette and Daily."

On March 3, 1961, Confidential Informant advised that a printed announcement had been put out by the FPCC, Post Office Box 7971, Philadelphia, Pa., that a meeting would be held on March 10, 1961, at the Philadelphia Ethical Society, 1906 South Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia. Among the speakers listed was JAMES HIGGINS, Editor, York "Gazette and Daily." The informant advised that this affair was being sponsored by the Philadelphia Young Socialist Alliance.

The Young Socialist Alliance is characterized in the appendix section of this report.

On March 17, 1961, advised the above meeting was held as scheduled and that JAMES HIGGINS was the first speaker. HIGGINS said that the American Press was anti-Cuba, and was not honest in giving a true idea to the American people as to what is going on in Cuba. HIGGINS said he has never been to Cuba, and has to depend on what he hears from people who had been there and what he reads. He said papers that are called radical in their political thinking give a hour interesting and you can buy American newspapers there.

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b2 On March 28, 1961, Confidential Informant b7D advised that at the above meeting on March 10, 1961, JAMES HIGGINS, described as a brusque, bearded man of about 45 years of age, 165 pounds, 5'10" tall, related to the audience that as a newspaper man he knows that the commercial press lies, distorts, and slants news to serve the big commercial interests. He said his analysis of the Cuban Revolution was that it was a genuine revolution and was in the interest of the oppressed masses of Cuba. He said that it was not a Communist dominated uprising since CASTRO had made no contact with the Soviet Union until after he had tried to negotiate a new contract with our government for the sale of sugar. He said that CASTRO's role was to lift the living standards of the people, divide the land, and nationalize the wealth. b1 On April 14. 1961. advised that a meeting of the Young Socialist Alliance of Philadelphia took place on Philadelphia. During b2 discussions of various matters on the agenda, a discussion of b7C the Philadelphia Chapter of the FPCC came up and it was announced that as a result of elections of the FPCC held on b7D April 7. 1961. JAMES HIGGINS was elected chairman also announced at this meeting that since HIGGINS is more or an honorary chairman b2 ladvised on April 17, 1961, In this connection, that the meeting of April 7, 1901, was held at the Christian bassociation Building, 3601 Locust Street, Philadelphia. According b7D to the informant, among those present were members of the



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Socialist Workers Party and the Young Socialist Alliance. At this meeting JAMES HIGGINS was elected chairman.

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On April 14, 1961, advised that a press b2 release issued by the FPCC, rost Unice Box 7971, publicized b7D a meeting to be held April 18, 1961, at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., and that Mr. JAMES HIGGINS, Editor of the York "Gazette and Daily," would preside at this meeting.

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On April 19, 1961, Confidential Informant advised that JAMES HIGGINS, Chairman, FPCC, announced that at an FPCC meeting on the previous day, all FPCC members were urged to join in picketing in front of the U. N. Building at 4 p.m. on April 21, 1961. The informant advised that the picketing was sponsored by the July 26th Revolutionary Movement. HIGGINS also urged those at the meeting to join picketing of the State Department Offices in Philadelphia from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 19, 1961.

A characterization of the July 26th Revolutionary Movement appears in the appendix of this report.

On April 19, 1961, Confidential Informant advised that at the April 18, 1961, meeting of the Free of Philadelphia at the New Century Auditorium, 124 South 12th Street, the chairman for the evening was JAMES HIGGINS, a newspaper editor, who told the gathering of over 300 people that the United States Press deceives the American public and prints nothing but lies. HIGGINS urged those present to send telegrams to President KENNEDY telling him to "keep hands off Guba."

According to who furnished information on b2
April 19, 1961, at above meeting on April 18, 1961, JAMES b7D
HIGGINS, Chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter of the FPCC, in
addition to other remarks, urged those present to picket the
State Department Offices in the Philadelphia Federal Building
on April 19, 1961.

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o2 b7D	In connection with the meeting of April 18, 1961, advised on April 28, 1961, that among the remarks made by JAMES HIGGINS at this meeting was one to the effect that he had spoken to a person who knew what was going on in the Federal Government. According to HIGGINS, this person had said "CASTRO has to go, but that they did not know how this was going to be done."
b2 b7D	In connection with the meeting on April 18, 1961, Confidential Informant advised that JAMES HIGGINS served as chairman at this meeting.
	On April 21, 1961, Confidential Informant  advised that at the meeting of April 18, 1961, JAMES HIGGINS advised that the purpose of the FPCC was to bring better understanding of the Cuban situation and to improve relations between the United States and Cuba. He further said he received a call from the FPCC telling him he was to be the Pennsylvania chairman, and there was nothing left for him to do but to accept.
	On May 18, 1961, advised that a "Fact Sheet #1" was put out by the Philadelphia Chapter of the FPCC b7D concerning the picket line sponsored by this organization on April 19, 1961. This sheet went on to relate that JAMES HIGGINS, Chairman of the Philadelphia FPCC, on April 18, 1961, had announced a picket line scheduled for the following day.
	In commection with the April 18, 1961, meeting of b2 the FPCC, Confidential Informant observed members of the July 26th Revolutionary Movement of Philadelphia in attendance at this meeting.
	Also in this connection, Confidential Information by advised that the informant observed active by both members of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware in attendance and the informant had also observed several former Communist Party members.

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On April 19, 1961, at 3:30 p.m., approximately 35 pickets were observed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation marching in front of the U. S. Federal Building, 9th and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. These pickets carried signs bearing the initials FPCC, which read as follows:

"Stop U. S. Intervention in Cuba"
"Don't Let Our Taxes Buy Arms For Cuba"
"U. S. Should Not Interfere with Cuba - Stay Away"
"Hands Off Cuba"

Shortly before 4 p.m. on April 19, 1961, several fist fights of undetermined origin broke out between pickets and bystanders. The Philadelphia Police Department moved in on the crowd and four pickets were taken from the scene.  Philadelphia Police Department, advised bycc
rhiladelphia Chapter of the
FFCC.
On April 14, 1961, advised that an advertisement for an FPCC banquet to be held in New York City on April 28, 1961, listed as the toastmaster "Witty JAMES HIGGINS, Assistant Editor of the York, Pa., "Gazette and Daily."
In connection with the meeting of the FPCC to be held on April 28, 1961, at the Brass Rail Restaurant, 521 Fifth Avenue at 43rd Street, New York City, Confidential Informant advised on April 10, 1961, that this informant be the toastmaster b7D
was listed as JAMES HIGGINS of the York "Gazette and Daily," York, Pa.
On May 1, 1961, advised that a news letter of the FPCC dated April 28, 1961, contained the information that JAMES HIGGINS was the chairman of the Philadelphia Chapter.

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On June 16, 1961, advised that at a mouting	b2
of the Young Socialist Alliance held on at	b7C
Philadelphia, Pa., an announcement was	b7D
made that JAMES HIGGINS has resigned as chairman of the	עום
Philadelphia Chapter of the FPGC.	
On July 8, 1961, Confidential Informant	b2
advised that the informant had overheard JAMES HIGGINS	
making a statement to the effect that he expects to go to	b7D
Cuba for a few weeks in the near future. HIGGINS has expresse	đ
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On this same date, HIGGINS made a statement that he is expecting six copies of a book by CHE GUEVERA, a Cuban Government official, on guerilla tactics and will furnish one of these to an individual at York, Pa., who is a labor organizer.

#### LIBERATION COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

The Liberation Committee For Africa is characterized in the appendix section of this report.

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On June 7, 1961, advised that a meeting was held under the auspices of the Liberation Committee For Africa at the Martinique Hotel, 22nd Street and Broadway, New York City, on June 2, 1961. Among the speakers was JAMES HIGGINS, characterized as editor of the York "Gazette and Daily." The informant advised that Mr. HIGGINS addressed the audience in a witty style, which drew many laughs. He told of the embarrassment of officials in regard to the Cuban fiasco, and according to the informant, ended with a serious note from the writings of the American Revolution.

On June 11, 1961, "The Worker," in an article on page 10, set forth that more than 500 people were at a forum last week at the Hotel Martinique. According to the article, this group unanimously approved an open letter to President KENNEDY protesting the refusal of the administration to push and his sissippi. The article said the forum discussed





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"Nationalism, Colonialism and the U. S." It said the audience was equally divided between Negro and white. It also stated that one of the feature speakers was journalist JAMES HIGGINS. It said the open letter to KENNEDY also protested the invasion of Cuba, the continued United States ties with South Africa, and the refusal of the United States to lodge official protest against the persecution in Angola by the Portuguese.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The May 21, 1961, edition of "The Worker," page 12, carried a headline to the effect that 2,760 people in a rally at Carnegie Hall held a peace drive. The article went on to state that Dr. LINUS PAULING was the chief speaker. Among other speakers, according to this article, was an individual characterized as JAMES HIGGINS, "The York Editor." According to the newspaper HIGGINS "got the laughs, however, again and again." It said he got one, for instance, when he told a story about KENNEDY's rocking chair. The article went on to say that United States papers speculated that CASTRO was crazy during the three day invasion. The Cubans replied with the story that KENNEDY was "off his rocker." That was not quite accurate, explained HIGGINS, for KENNEDY sat in his rocking chair all through the invasion, reading "Profiles of Courage."

HIGGINS was one of the 300 American editors, according to this article, who went to Washington, D. C., and heard KENNEDY's appeal to the press to show self-restraint in reporting events. He meant events like the preparation of the invasion of Cuba, the article went on to say. HIGGINS said that one of the visiting editors was puzzled. "What does he mean by that?" he asked a neighbor. "He means you should not print the facts," the neighbor replied. "But we haven't been printing them," the first man came back.

The article concluded by stating that more than \$4,000 was collected after HIGGINS finished.

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#### APPENDIX

#### Characterization of Organizations

#### "GAZETTE AND DAILY" OF YORK, PA.

"The Hanover Sun," weekly newspaper of Hamover, Pa., in its issue of May 6, 1957, page one, column three, contained an article captioned, "York Newspaper Fraised in Russia." This article stated that the York "Gazette and Daily," in the opinion of the Soviet press, is "among the better American daily newspapers."

The article appearing in "The Hanover Sun" was obtained from another article which had appeared in the "Baltimore Sun," a daily newspaper published in Baltimore, Md. The article appearing in the "Baltimore Sun" is under the by-line of HOWARD NORTON of the Moscow Bureau of that paper.

The article states that the York "Gazette and Daily" is "among the better American daily newspapers." It was listed on an honor roll which included the "Daily Worker" and the Communist-owned London "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication which ceased publication on January 13, 1958.





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#### JAMES HIGGINS

Records of the Credit Bureau, York, Pennsylvania, reflect in a report dated April 11, 1960, that JAMES HIGGINS has been Assistant Editor of the "Gazette and Daily," York, Pennsylvania, since January 1949. Under date of December 1956 he was reported to have been on leave of absence and attending school in Berkeley, California. The report stated that he is be-lieved to haveereturned to York, Rennaylvania, in the latter part of August 1957. Addresses listed in the report for HIGGINS are 376 East Market Street, 3116 East Market Street, both York, Pennsylvania, and 1580 Euclid, Berkeley, California. Present address is noted as 1510 2nd Avenue, Elswood, York, Rennsylvania. Various accounts set forth in credit report bear notations that HIGGINS is slow in payment of obligations, and an unsatisfactory debtor. One account in the amount of \$29.80 reflects the notation that payment was slow and that four checks were received for which there were insufficient funds in the bank. Also contained in the file at the Credit Bureau is a letter from JAMES HIGGINS to the Credit Bureau in which he states that he made application for credit at a department store in Berkeley, California, and was refused. The writer pointed out that he feels this refusal was based on a credit report submitted by the York Credit Bureau, and states that he has been burdened by heavy medical expenses for the past five years; however, with the exception of taxes and a bank mortgage on the premises 376 East Market Street, and one dentist bill which is being contested, all obligations in York, Fennsylvania, have been cleared.

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The file also contains a news clipping dated April 1, 1958, which states that a criminal libel information had been filed by the York County Sheriff against the York "Gazette and Daily" before Alderman PAUL C. BARNHART on March 31, 1958. The defendants listed were C. M. GITT, President; JAMES HIGGINS, Assistant Editor; and EDWARD K. SCHAEBERLE, Managing Editor. Each posted \$500 bond. The information charged that the newspaper had published defamatory statements concerning LYMAN A. STANDAUGH on March 28, 1958, and was filed under provisions of Section 4412 of Criminal Code. According to the article, the statements in the paper concerned the conduct of a debtor sale by deputy sheriffs, York County, Pa. Another news article, marked September 1958, set out that the matter was dropped upon petition of the prosecutor after the "Gazette and Daily" published a first-page public apology on August 25, 1958.

Records, Court of Quarter Sessions, York County, Pennsylvania, reflect in Book 5F, Page 228, January Session 1958, that a true bill was returned by the Grand Jury in the above matter on April 14, 1958, and that a nolle pros was entered on September 5, 1958. Payment of costs in the amount of \$77.20 was assessed against the defendants.



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Rerep SA 7/21/61, Philadelphia, requesting WFO determine whether subject is registered with the Registration Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice; and, if not, place a stop to be advised in the event he registers at a later date.

On 7/28/61, Registration Section, b7C Internal Security Division. U. S. Department of Justice, advised SA that she could locate no record in her files indicating that subject has registered under the provisions of the Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

WFO indices contain no additional pertinent, identifiable information concerning subject not already in possession of the Philadelphia Office.

Experience has shown it is not feasible to place stops at the Registration Section of the Justice Department. Consequently, no stop was placed at that office on subject. Philadelphia may wish to request WFO recheck records of that office at a later date, after the elapse of an appropriate period of time.

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